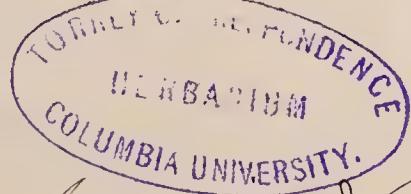


Philad. March 11th 1864-

My Dear Dr.



I have promised my friend Prof Copper to write to you in his behalf in connection with your College. He informs me that the Presidency will be ~~as~~ or ~~is~~ vacated by Mr King, & that he is desirous of obtaining it. Show from my experience in those matters I am well aware, ^{of} the course of action taken by Boards of Trustees, who have a high responsibility on their hands, and are directed by a sense of duty. Their object is to obtain the right man, & they have a far more extended idea of qualification than ~~would~~ ^{intend} persons who look simply to the

exaltation of an individual. They
are also guided by the exigencies
of the institution, & the qualities
of the person to be sought for. I have
therefore hesitation in urging on
any association the claims of par-
ticular candidates without a per-
fect knowledge of the ^{desires} ~~area~~
those whom the ^{on} selection falls.

Prof Copper has since 1854 been
lecturer as one of the Professors
of the University. The functions of
his chair, that of General Lit-
erature have been performed with
satisfaction & the publick with
popularity in the institution. His
social life is highly esteemed.
His educational training is -
based upon a partical course
at Yale College, & the full course

at West Point, when degraded,
with us he has acquired a high
reputation for his knowledge of the
method of ruling the youthful mind
with firmness, common sense, & con-
trolling influence. I have no doubt
that numerous competitors will
spring up and, ^{that} you will have only
the difficulty of a choice, which I -
am certain will be made delib-
erately, & with prudence & discretion.

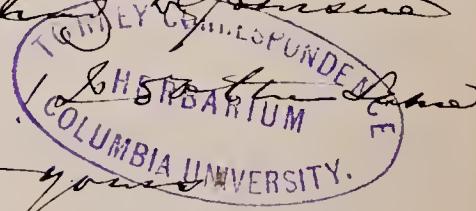
Pf Copper who present his testimo-
nials, & I am certain that you
will give them an impartial
caused consideration.

I need say the pleasure of seeing
you my son has been a constant
visitor & managed to cross the
course of business & now with less

laborious work will be able to
recuperate. I mentioned your desire
to see Dr Rogers by obtaining an
copy of his report upon the adulter-
ation of corns, & Mr Barclay's men
will forward it to me. Said he
thought he had some of them left
if so you should have ~~them~~^{one}
with success in the application.

At last the Spring is opening &
the season of flowers is approach-
ing, in which I hope to enjoy my-
self were it not for such ~~other~~
^{as} fatigues the number of profes-
sional would be a dreary waste.
I recollect what you once stated
in my presence years ago, when prof
of Chemistry that you had pursued
your Botany "Sub rosa".

May thirty, ^{your} young



Prof John Torrey,
St Marks Place

P. Cawson